LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A method for improving recovery from general anesthesia in patients having undergone general anesthesia comprising:

a) administering general anesthesia to a patient;

b) monitoring the patient to determine that the patient is capable of ingesting liquids; and

c) administering a ~~therapeutically effective~~ dose of modafinil to the patient which is effective to increase the cognitive function of the patient so that the cognitive dysfunction symptoms ~~associated with recovery from~~ caused by the general anesthesia are reduced.

3. (Cancelled).

4 (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the cognitive dysfunction symptoms reduced are one or more selected from the group consisting of fatigue, ~~exhaustion~~, feeling worn out, mental clouding, distress, loss of alertness, ~~loss of energy, loss of appetite,~~ ~~and~~ loss of reading comprehension, and loss of ability to resume normal activities.